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HOUSE RESOLUTION 253

By Chumney

A RESOLUTION to commend Ms. Jessica Michel Sybouts-Peccolo for extraordinary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Jessica Sybouts-Peccolo is one such individual who has distinguished herself in her role as a legislative intern for Chairman Carol Chumney, Vice Chairman John DeBerry, Secretary Mark Maddox, and the House Children and Family Affairs Committee; Jessica's work resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators she assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a student at the University of Tennessee at Martin, where she is highly admired by her peers, Jessica has achieved academic success while majoring in Human Learning 1-8, with an emphasis in English, and participating in numerous extracurricular activities, including the Student Tennessee Education Association, the History Club, the Undergraduate Alumnae Council, the Association for Childhood Education International, of which she was the historian, and Alpha Omicron Pi; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Sybouts-Peccolo has received numerous awards and accolades in recognition of her successful pursuit of excellence, including the F.G. Cavin Junior Leadership Award, the Panhellenic University Service Award, the University Scholar Academic Scholarship, the Panhellenic Emerging Leader Award, the University of Tennessee National Alumnae Association Outstanding Service Award, and was named the Cunningham Freshman of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Jessica was also inducted into Phi Kappa Phi and the Order of Omega, in addition to being listed on the National Dean's List and in *Who's Who Among American College Students*. She was also a member of University Scholars and was invited to participate in the Honors Psychology class; and

WHEREAS, a natural leader, Ms. Sybouts-Peccolo rendered astute service as a member of the Student Government Association, serving with acumen and alacrity as the Executive Assistant, the Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, and the Senator for the School of Education. Her fellow classmates showed their admiration and respect for her by electing her as the Freshman Council President and as the Student Body President; and

WHEREAS, Jessica has shared her formula for success as a speaker, delegate, and panelist at several retreats, presentations, and conferences throughout the state of Tennessee, as well as the states of Texas and North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2000 legislative session, Jessica Sybouts-Peccolo has surpassed all criteria with regard to the attributes of a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Sybouts-Peccolo has served the University of Tennessee at Martin by volunteering her limited spare time to a number of university committees and organizations, such as Student Ambassadors and Peer Counseling, in addition to representing UT Martin on the UT Board of Trustees, the UT National Alumnae Board of Governors, the UT Student Counselors to the President, and the UT Presidential Search Committee; and

WHEREAS, a civic-minded individual, Jessica selflessly donated her time and incredible talents to many noteworthy causes and organizations, including Highway Clean-up, the Special Olympics, and the Juvenile Diabetes Student Leader Board; and

WHEREAS, endeavoring to lead an exemplary Christian life, Ms. Sybouts-Peccolo worships the Lord as a High School Bible Study Leader at the First United Methodist Church in Martin and as an active member of the Farragut Presbyterian Church, in addition to participating on the Crossroads United Methodist Retreat Leadership/Planning Team, the East Tennessee Presbyterian Youth Leadership Council for Programming, Reelfoot Ministries, and We Care Ministries; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize herself with the characteristics and complexity of Tennessee state government and to assist in her studies, Jessica brought her ability and expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2000 session of the One Hundred First General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, during one particularly hectic day, Representative Mark Maddox jokingly told Ms. Sybouts-Peccolo to present a bill to the House Government Operations Committee; Jessica, unaware if the Representative's dry sense of humor, forged ahead and became the first intern to have such a responsibility bestowed upon her. After the misunderstanding was cleared up, the members of the committee were so impressed with Jessica's poise and precision, they presented her with a certificate recognizing her hard work and efforts; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of her studies, Jessica plans to pursue a career in higher education administration; and

WHEREAS, Jessica Sybouts-Peccolo has performed her many duties with extraordinary insight and decorum; she will be sorely missed by the House Children and Family Affairs Committee and staff; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby commend Ms. Jessica Michel Sybouts-Peccolo for outstanding service as a legislative intern and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.